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Dear Flock Owner,

The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) of Arizona is now available as a voluntary program for hobbyists, exhibition and game bird breeding flocks and products under Part 145 Subpart E-Special Provisions. <http://www.poultryimprovement.org/documents/ProgramStandardsAugust2014.pdf>

Any person selling hatching eggs, day-old chicks, or older birds from farms/hatcheries may participate in the NPIP program. Any person moving hatching eggs, babies, or older birds across state lines, may be required to become NPIP Certified in order to meet the other state's entry requirements and the new Federal Interstate Movement Law requirements.

NPIP is about disease monitoring, sanitation and record keeping. As a NPIP Certified participant, your breeder birds will need to be tested for Pullorum-Typhoid every year, Avian Influenza (AI) as deemed necessary, and premises inspection every year. The tested birds should carry flock leg bands. Movement of birds will be with official movement documents.

Any person "simply" selling birds that they have raised from chicks does not need to participate in the NPIP program if they are not breeding birds to produce eggs or chicks for sale. Any person raising birds solely for personal use, participation in NPIP is unnecessary. NPIP is not for doves or pigeons.

Activities that qualify for NPIP participation are:

- a. Breeder birds that are laying fertile eggs and there will be sales of the hatching eggs
- b. or hatching those eggs and selling the chicks.
- c. If there are no breeder birds, but fertile eggs are purchased, hatched and sold as chicks.

Participation in NPIP is completely **voluntary**, Arizona does not require you to participate. Please check our website at www.agriculture.az.gov for information and forms or contact Cyndi Hilgen at 602-542-4293 or chilgen@azda.gov.

Very Respectfully,

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